II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended)   A Mmethod comprising:

~~for~~ controlling a system, especially an electrical and/or electronic system comprising a plurality of application devices, in which:

control information in the form of a spoken command is detected~~received from a user independently of a permanently predetermined menu structure~~;

the ~~received~~detected control information is identified and a determination is automatically made as to which application device the detected control information is associated with;

if the detected control information is associated with a single application device, a control corresponding to the detected control information is executed in the application device; and

~~an instruction of the control information input is interpreted in accordance with available ones of the application devices by checking whether the control information is known, unambiguous and complete for one of the application devices;~~

if ~~in case of ambiguity of~~ the detected control information is associated with more than one application device, a prompt for selection of an application device to which the detected control information is to be associated is provided, wherein upon selection of the application device, a control corresponding to the detected control information is executed in the application device. ~~the user is signaled to enter further control information relating to a selection of possible applications to which~~

the ambiguous control information can be applied until the totality of inputted control information is unambiguous; and

an application device is controlled in accordance with the result of the interpretation.

2. (Currently Amended)   The ~~M~~method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~further comprising that the detected control information ~~specified by a user~~ is signaled back ~~to the user~~ as announcement or indication for confirming the detected control information input~~the purpose of acknowledgement~~.

3. (Currently Amended)   The ~~M~~method according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in~~further comprising that, upon determining that the~~-~~ detected control information ~~input~~ which ~~allows a number of possibilities for its interpretation~~is associated with more than one application device, providing a list of application devices with which the detected control information is associated, and allowing selection of one of the application devices on the list~~is signaled back as selection list~~.

4. (Currently Amended)   The ~~M~~method according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in~~further comprising that a detected control information input which cannot be reliably interpreted is correspondingly marked in a return signaling.

5. (Currently Amended)   The ~~M~~method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~further comprising ~~that a check is made~~determining whether the detected control information is complete in order to be able to execute a requested action, and ~~that the user is~~ a

requested to complete the detected control information ~~if this is not the case~~is made if the determination is that the detected control information is not complete.

6. (Currently Amended)   The ~~M~~method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the detected control information input comprises ~~as~~ keyword or keywords, the keyword or keywords being ~~is~~ compared with a database of stored keywords for the purpose of determining a control function corresponding to the detected control information and the application device to which the detected control information corresponds~~interpretation~~.

7. (Currently Amended)   The ~~M~~method according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in~~further comprising that the database of stored keywords includes an association of available application devices, control instructions and control parameters corresponding to ~~are~~the stored ~~as~~keywords ~~as control information~~.

8. (Currently Amended)   The ~~M~~method according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in~~further comprising that the control parameters are stored as lists.

9. (Currently Amended)   The ~~M~~method according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in~~further comprising that control instructions are stored as data records together with dummy codes for the application devices affected and the control parameters needed in each case to execute the instructions.

10. (Currently Amended)   A ~~M~~method comprising:~~for~~

controlling a system having a plurality of application devices by~~, the method comprising the steps of~~:

detecting a ~~receiving~~ control information input at the system, the control information ~~being inputted by a user of the system~~being in a form of a spoken command;

identifying the ~~received~~ detected control information input and automatically determining at least one application device to which the detected control information input corresponds; and

if the detected control information input corresponds to a single application device, automatically executing a control function of the single application device corresponding to the detected control information;

if the detected control information input corresponds to more than one application device, providing a prompt for selection of a single application device to which the detected control information is to be associated with and executing a control function of the selected application device corresponding to the detected control information.

~~interpreting an instruction of the control information in accordance with available ones of the application devices by checking whether the control information is known, unambiguous and complete for one of the application devices;~~

~~in the event of the presence of a lack of knowledge or ambiguity or incompleteness of the control information, the system signaling to the user to resolve a lack of knowledge or ambiguity or incompleteness of the control information, the signaling to the user being independent of a permanently predetermined menu structure, the signaling enabling the user to enter a response for resolving the~~

~~lack of knowledge or ambiguity or incompleteness of the control information to insure that the control information is known, unambiguous and complete for one of the application devices;~~

~~signaling the user, in a case of ambiguity of the control information, to enter further control information relating to a selection of possible applications to which the ambiguous control information can be applied until the totality of inputted control information is unambiguous; and~~

~~controlling the one application device in accordance with the result of the interpretation.~~

11. (Currently Amended) <u>The M</u>~~m~~ethod according to Claim 1, <u>further comprising</u> ~~characterized in that~~<u>providing a prompt for</u> further information ~~is requested~~ if the <u>detected</u> control information <u>input</u> is unknown or is ambiguous or is incomplete.

12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a set of application devices having at least one application device;

an input device for ~~receiving~~ <u>detecting a</u> control information <u>input</u> ~~from a user independently from a permanently predetermined menu structure~~<u>in the form of spoken command</u>;

wherein the system is ~~operative~~<u>configured</u> to identify the <u>detected</u>~~received~~ control information, <u>determine at least one application device associated with the detected control information,</u> and ~~is operative further to interpret~~<u>determine</u> an

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instruction ~~associated~~of_ with the detected_control information ~~from the input device in accordance with available ones of the application devices by checking whether the control information is known, unambiguous and complete for one of the application devices~~;

wherein the system is configured to execute the instruction in an associated application device if the detected control information is associated with a single application device; and

wherein if the detected control information is associated with more than one application device, the system is configured to provide a prompt for additional

~~in case of ambiguity of the control information, the user is signaled to enter further~~ control information relating to a selection of ~~an~~possible applications device from a list of application devices to which the ~~ambiguous~~detected control information can be applied ~~until the totality of inputted control information is unambiguous~~; and

wherein the system is configured to execute the instruction in a selected application device from the list of application devices.

~~an application device is controlled in accordance with the result of the interpretation~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 12, further comprising an output device for outputting information to the user, wherein the system is operative to request, via the output device, the additional control ~~further~~information from the user if the detected control information is unknown or is ambiguous or is incomplete.

14. (Currently Amended)   An interface for a user of a system having a set of application devices including at least one application device, the interface comprising:

an input device for detecting~~receiving~~ control information in a form of a spoken command ~~from the user~~ independently from a permanently predetermined menu structure;

wherein the system is operative to identify the ~~received~~ detected control information, automatically determine at least one application device associated with the detected control information, and if the detected control information is associated with a single application device, execute a command in the single application device corresponding to the detected control information; ~~and is operative further to interpret an instruction of the control information from the input device in accordance with available ones of the application devices by checking whether the control information is known, unambiguous and complete for one of the application devices;~~

if the detected control information is associated with more than one application device, providing a prompt for ~~in case of ambiguity of the control information, the user is signaled to enter~~ further control information relating to a selection of an ~~possible~~ applications device from a list of possible application devices to which the detected~~ambiguous~~ control information can be applied ~~until the totality of inputted control information is unambiguous~~; and

executing a command corresponding to the detected control information in an application device selected from the list of possible application devices~~ controlled in accordance with the result of the interpretation~~.

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15. (Currently Amended) An interface according to Claim 14, wherein the <u>detected</u> control information ~~specified by a user~~ is signaled back to ~~the~~<u>a</u> user as <u>a confirmation of the detected control information</u>~~announcement or indication for the purpose of acknowledgement~~.

16. (Currently Amended) An interface according to Claim 15, wherein <u>when</u> the <u>detected</u> control information input ~~which allows a number of possibilities for its interpretation~~<u>can be interpreted as one or more commands, the one or more commands</u> <u>are</u>~~is~~ signaled back as <u>a</u> selection list.

17. (Currently Amended) An interface according to Claim 15, wherein <u>when</u> the <u>detected</u> control information input ~~which~~ cannot be reliably interpreted<u>,</u> ~~is correspondingly marked in~~ a return signal~~ing~~<u> is provided that marks the detected control information as unreliable</u>.

18. (Currently Amended) An interface according to claim 14, wherein a check is made whether the <u>detected</u> control information is complete in order to be able to execute a requested action, and <u>if the detected control information is not complete, a prompt is provided to</u> ~~that the user is~~ request ~~ed to complete the~~<u>complete</u> control information~~if this is not the case~~.

19. (Currently Amended) An interface according to claim 14, wherein the <u>detected</u> control information <u>is in a form of</u>~~input as~~ keyword or keywords<u>, and each keyword</u> is

compared with stored keywords for <u>determining an application device associated with the keyword or keywords</u>the purpose of interpretation.

20. (Currently Amended) An interface according to Claim 19, wherein the available application devices, control instructions and control parameters are stored as<u>as associated with</u> keywords <u>stored</u> as control information.

21. (Currently Amended) An interface according to Claim 14, further comprising an output device for outputting information from the system to the user, wherein the system is operative to request, via the output device, further information from the user if the <u>detected</u> control information is unknown or is ambiguous or is incomplete.

22. (Currently Amended) <u>A M</u>method for controlling a system, especially an electrical and/or electronic system comprising a plurality of application devices, the method comprising:

receiving<u>detecting</u> control information <u>in the form of one or more spoken commands</u> at the system from a user of the system;

identifying the received<u>detected</u> control information<u> and automatically identifying at least one application device associated with the detected control information</u>;

<u>executing a command corresponding to the detected control information in an identified application device if the detected control information is associated with one application device</u>;

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providing a prompt for additional control information if the detected control information is associated with more than one application device; and

upon detecting a selection of an application device from the more than one application device, executing a command corresponding to the detected control information in the selected application device.

~~interpreting the control information in accordance with available ones of the application devices to determine if the control information is a valid input for one or more of the application devices, the interpreting including a determining of whether the control information is known, unambiguous and complete for one of the application devices;~~

~~upon a determination that the control information is known, unambiguous and complete for one of the application devices, controlling said one application device in accordance with the result of the interpretation;~~

~~upon a determination that the control information is unknown, or ambiguous with respect to a plurality of said application devices and/or with respect to a plurality of functions within one of said application devices, or incomplete for said one application device, signaling the user to enter further data for resolving an unknown control information, an ambiguous control information, and/or an incomplete control information; and~~

~~upon a resolving of the control information, controlling said one application device in accordance with the result of the interpretation.~~